

STAR OF EMPIRE.

It No Longer Rests Over the New England States

BUT BEAMS ON THE WEST.

Trans-Mississippi Congress.
OMAHA, NEB., Oct. 19.—The third semi-annual session of the trans-Mississippi congress convened this afternoon at 2

Then Mayor Cushing welcomed the congress on behalf of the city.

Ex-Governor Alva Adams of Colorado responded to Governor Thayer's address. He said that the congress had a breadth of subject, it promised to discuss

and the importance ther-of, not alone to the immediate West, but to the world. Great progress has

already been made," said Governor Adams, "but greater is in store for us. The great American desert, under the wise and determined labors of sturdy yeomen who have gathered hither from

all points of civilization, has disappeared and become a fugitive on the face of the earth. It could be known in the geographies of our youth. We want the East to know that the star of empire no longer haunts over the states of Now England. Wall street, but ever that great and glorious country stretching from the Father of Waters to the Pacific Ocean, the shores of the rolling Pacific. We are here to voice the sentiments of the various sections of our common country, to push, to pull, to create and create a new work. This event must attract the attention of the East and they must realize that the great and glorious country is not passing away, that we are an intelligent, industrious and capable people, developing the richest country on God's earth."

At the close of the address followed Governor Adams with a short talk, advocating the interests of the mining regions before the convention.

At the close of the convention, permanent organization and order of business were named.

Assigned also to the committee on credentials.

FRIGHT KILLED HIM.

Smith, the Negro Rapist, Did Not Die from Strangulation.

OMAHA, NEB., Oct. 19.—George Smith, the colored rape fiend, who is generally supposed to have been strangled to death by a mob of infuriated lynchers, died from fright. At least that is what Assistant

Coroner Dr. Allison declared under oath to-day, and on the strength of it County Attorney Mahoney asked for a continuance of the preliminary examination of the alleged lynchers, so that he could amend his motion to suit this phase of the situation. The court granted the request and continued the case until Friday. Dr. Allison made a post mortem of Smith's body, and while there were sixteen wounds and bruises on the head and body and his back was broken in three

places, the doctor testified that the contracted condition of the heart and the appearances indicated that death resulted from some great mental emotion, and he was satisfied that Smith died of fright.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Emmet Backloup of Navasota, Tex., is in the city.

Sam Y. Brown of Amarillo came down to the city yesterday.

Hon. Hyde Jennings went to Gainesville last night on legal business.

Col. Cary W. Styles, the well known newspaper man, is in the city.

Miss Lillie Garven of Navasota is stopping here tonight, the guest of Mrs. L. Camp.

It is believed that the Santa Fe is coming this morning for a three day's business trip.

Mrs. Alice Cuttrell of Navasota is in the city, the guest of her mother, No. 314 East Second.

Miss Nannie Magreuder has gone to Henrieville to take charge of a music class for the winter.

Miss Birdie Hieber went over to Dallas yesterday to visit friends and take in the exposition.

Mrs. John O. Ford and baby of Pecos City are visiting relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Col. George D. Hodges, formerly of the

Miss Maud Johnson of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sally Clifton, at 1800 East Bluff street.

Mrs. Gracey, wife of Dr. Gracey of Waxahachie, is in Fort Worth visiting her father, Mr. C. T. Scott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bridges of Vernon, Texas, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Craig, 1193 Lamar street.

J. F. Lehane, of the accounting department of the Fort Worth and Denver, went to Elkhart, Ind., to transfer the station.

Miss Kate Scott, an attendant of several of the boys, returned from visiting friends in Toronto and other parts of the Dominion of Canada.

Sheriff J. Z. Cunningham of Taylor came in from the Panhandle yesterday, having in charge a number of witnesses wanted in Abilene to testify in the cases of the English boys, held for horse theft.

John K. Rosson came in yesterday from Amarillo. Mr. Rosson says the cattle movement from that section now is heavy, and water and grass is in abundance. He reports that the cattle are doing very well.

Mr. Rosson and family leave for the Panhandle Wednesday morning.

George H. Nicolai, representing the melodramatic farce comedy, "A Barrel of Money," which comes to the opera house on Monday night, October 26, is in the city arranging for the appearance of his company. The play was seen here last season, and was well liked. The company has toured the entire South, and will jump from here almost direct to Cincinnati.

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